

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following list of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the above-identified application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-21. (Cancelled.)

- 22. (Currently Amended) The shelf as defined in claim ~~21~~ 25 including means for directing light from said illuminating means toward said panel.
- 23. (Currently Amended) The shelf as defined in claim ~~21~~ 25 including means for directing light from said illuminating means along said chamber toward said panel.
- 24. (Cancelled)
- 25. (Currently Amended) ~~The shelf as defined in claim 24 including~~ A shelf comprising a housing, a chamber within said housing, said housing defining a slot opening into said chamber, a panel of light-transmitting material having an edge portion contiguous said slot, means for illuminating said light-transmitting panel through said chamber and said panel edge portion, means for supporting said housing relative to a support, said housing including at least first and second housing parts, at least said second housing part includes said supporting means, means for securing and unsecuring said two housing parts relative to each other

to access said chamber, said first housing part defines said slot, and means in the form of synthetic polymeric/copolymeric material encapsulating at least a portion of said first housing part and said panel edge portion.

26. (Currently Amended) ~~The shelf as defined in claim 24 including~~ A shelf comprising a housing, a chamber within said housing, said housing defining a slot opening into said chamber, a panel of light-transmitting material having an edge portion contiguous said slot, means for illuminating said light-transmitting panel through said chamber and said panel edge portion, means for supporting said housing relative to a support, said housing including at least first and second housing parts, at least said second housing part includes said supporting means, means for securing and unsecuring said two housing parts relative to each other to access said chamber, said first housing part defines said slot, and means in the form of synthetic polymeric/copolymeric material encapsulating at least a portion of said first housing part and said panel edge portion but not said securing means.

27. (Currently Amended) ~~The shelf as defined in claim 24 including~~ A shelf comprising a housing, a chamber within said housing, said housing defining a slot opening into said chamber, a panel of light-transmitting material having an edge portion contiguous said slot, means for illuminating said light-transmitting panel through said chamber and said panel edge portion, means for supporting said housing relative to a support, said housing including at least first and second housing parts,

at least said second housing part includes said supporting means, means for securing and unsecuring said two housing parts relative to each other to access said chamber, said first housing part defines said slot, and means in the form of synthetic polymeric/copolymeric material encapsulating at least a portion of said first housing part and said panel edge portion but not said securing means and said second housing part.

28. (Currently Amended) The shelf as defined in claim ~~21~~ 25 wherein the first of said housing parts defines said slot, and each of said housing parts is a substantially homogeneous molded one-piece member.
29. (Currently Amended) The shelf as defined in claim ~~21~~ 25 wherein the first of said housing parts defines said slot, and each of said housing parts is a substantially homogeneous molded one-piece member each carrying complementary parts of said securing and unsecuring means.

Claims 30-65. (Cancelled.)

66. (Currently Amended) The shelf as defined in claim ~~21~~ 25 wherein said illuminating means includes LEDs.
67. (Currently Amended) The shelf as defined in claim ~~21~~ 25 wherein said securing and unsecuring means are snap fasteners.
68. (Currently Amended) The shelf as defined in claim ~~21~~ 25 wherein said illuminating means includes a light pipe.

69. (Currently Amended) The shelf as defined in claim ~~21~~ 25 wherein said illuminating means includes a source of light and a light pipe for directing light from said light source to said panel edge portion.

70. (Currently Amended) The shelf as defined in claim ~~21~~ 25 wherein said illuminating means includes a light pipe extending substantially along the length of said chamber.

Claims 71 - 77. (Cancelled.)

78. (Currently Amended) The shelf as defined in claim ~~21~~ 25 wherein said supporting means is a shelf bracket.

Claims 79 - 81.

82. (Currently Amended) The shelf as defined in claim ~~21~~ 25 wherein said housing includes axially opposite end portions, and said illuminating means includes a light source at one of said axially opposite end portions.

83. (Currently Amended) ~~The shelf as defined in claim 24 including~~ A shelf comprising a housing, a chamber within said housing, said housing defining a slot opening into said chamber, a panel of light-transmitting material having an edge portion contiguous said slot, means for illuminating said light-transmitting panel through said chamber and said panel edge portion, means for supporting said housing relative to a support, said housing including at least first and second housing parts,

at least said second housing part includes said supporting means, means for securing and unsecuring said two housing parts relative to each other to access said chamber, said first housing part defines said slot, said housing includes axially opposite end portions, said illuminating means includes a light source at one of said axially opposite end portions, and means for axially accessing said light source.

84. (Currently Amended) The shelf as defined in claim ~~21~~ 25 wherein said two housing parts and said slot are relatively elongated, and said securing and unsecuring means are located along said elongated housing parts.
85. (Currently Amended) ~~The shelf as defined in claim 24 including~~ A shelf comprising a housing, a chamber within said housing, said housing defining a slot opening into said chamber, a panel of light-transmitting material having an edge portion contiguous said slot, means for illuminating said light-transmitting panel through said chamber and said panel edge portion, means for supporting said housing relative to a support, said housing including at least first and second housing parts, at least said second housing part includes said supporting means, means for securing and unsecuring said two housing parts relative to each other to access said chamber, said first housing part defines said slot, means in the form of synthetic polymeric/copolymeric material encapsulating at least one of said housing parts, and said encapsulating means defines said supporting means.

86. (Previously Presented) The shelf as defined in claim 85 wherein said supporting means includes means for slidingly supporting said housing relative to a support.
87. (Previously Presented) The shelf as defined in claim 85 wherein said supporting means includes means for vertically adjustably securing said shelf to a support.